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MISSOURI STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

# ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2014

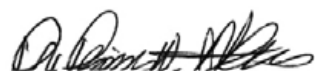


# NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

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On behalf of the members of the Missouri State Rehabilitation Council, I am pleased to present this summary of the Council's annual report for fiscal year 2014. Each Council member has unique experiences in advocating for the rights of Missourians whose physical or mental disabilities could pose barriers to employment. Through quarterly meetings and committee deliberations, we give our support to Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation in order to empower individuals with disabilities and to encourage decisions that lead to greater self-sufficiency. It has been my privilege to work with members of the Council, as well as with Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation staff, all of whom are dedicated to providing Missouri's citizens with the opportunity to make choices in obtaining meaningful employment.

Sincerely,



Dr. Dennis W. Atkins, Chairperson

## COUNCIL'S PURPOSE

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The State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) was first authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended in 1998. Section 105 of the Act requires the state vocational rehabilitation agency to establish a council. The SRC is responsible for reviewing, analyzing and advising Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) regarding its performance on such issues as eligibility; the extent, scope and effectiveness of services; and any other functions affecting people with disabilities.

**During FY14, the SRC was actively involved with VR in the activities below.**

Provided recommendations to VR on policy revisions and rule changes

Attended and participated in VR public hearings to provide input on the state plan

Evaluated and provided recommendations on the effectiveness of vocational rehabilitation services and consumer satisfaction feedback

Reviewed and provided recommendations to VR regarding the state plan's comprehensive statewide needs assessment, goals, priorities, standards and performance indicators, and comprehensive system of personnel development

Assisted VR staff in preparing the SRC's 2014 annual report for the governor and the commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration on the status of vocational rehabilitation services in Missouri

## VR HIGHLIGHTS

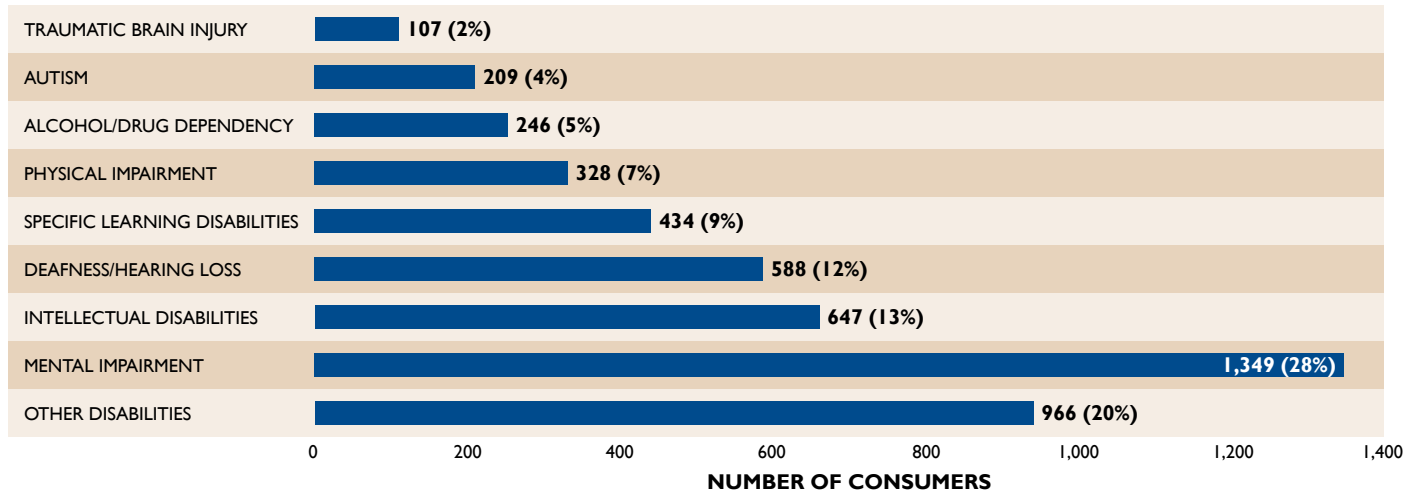
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- ★ 4,874 consumers with disabilities achieved successful employment outcomes.
- ★ 29,478 consumers worked with VR counselors.
- ★ 96% of successfully employed consumers had significant disabilities.
- ★ 799 consumers were successfully employed through supported employment services.
- ★ 1,640 transition-age consumers reached successful employment outcomes.
- ★ 97% of consumers surveyed felt they were treated with respect.

## DISABILITY CATEGORIES of the 4,874 consumers with successful employment outcomes

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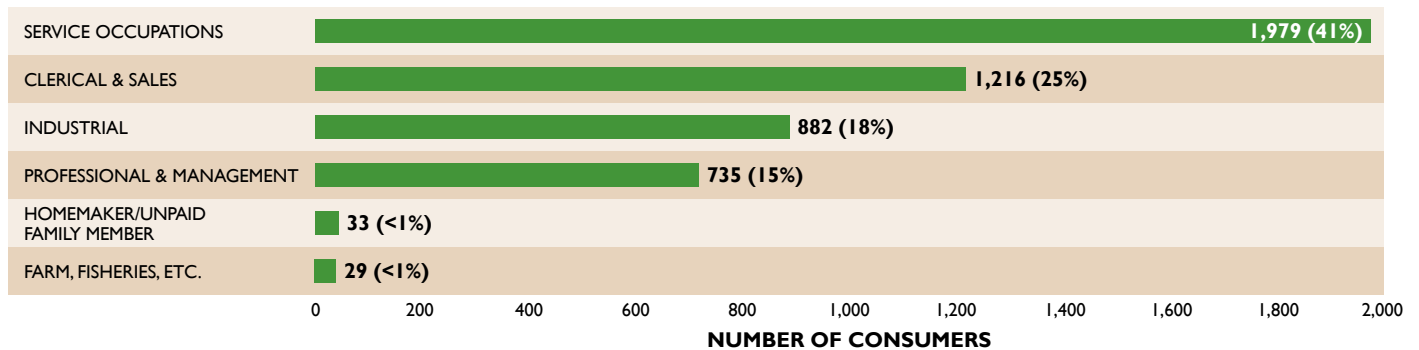
### TYPE OF DISABILITY



## OCCUPATIONS of the 4,874 consumers with successful employment outcomes

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### OCCUPATION



## CHARACTERISTICS

of consumers with successful employment outcomes

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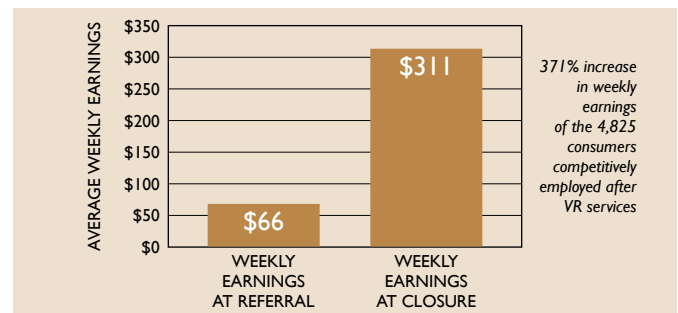
GENDER	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Male	2,797	57%
Female	2,077	43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>100%</b>

ETHNICITY	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
White	3,692	76%
African-American	1,001	21%
Hispanic	73	1%
American Indian	66	1%
Asian	31	<1%
Pacific Islander	11	<1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>100%</b>

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Less than 20 years	343	7%
20 through 34	2,093	43%
35 through 44	816	17%
45 through 64	1,458	30%
65 and over	164	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>100%</b>

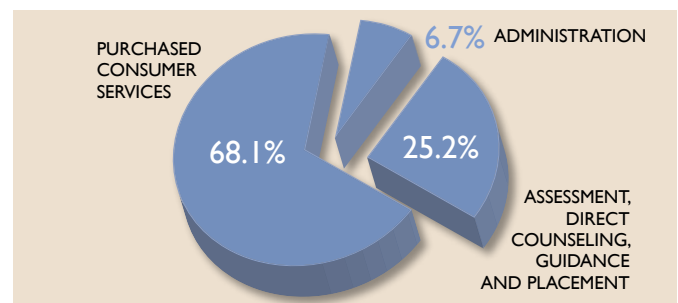
## IMPACT OF VR SERVICES

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## EXPENDITURES

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# MISSION STATEMENT

## MISSOURI STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

(Adopted Nov. 4, 1999)

### Our VISION

The Missouri State Rehabilitation Council envisions a society that values all of its members equally and provides opportunities so that all people are able to meet their needs, fulfill their dreams and participate in society.

### Our MISSION

To ensure that persons with disabilities have opportunities to be as productive as possible by advising Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation that services provided to persons with disabilities are:

- ◆ of the highest quality.
- ◆ consumer directed.
- ◆ responsive to consumer choice.
- ◆ effective.
- ◆ individualized.
- ◆ culturally specific and relevant to labor market trends.

### Our RESPONSIBILITIES

To work in partnership with Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation to achieve positive outcomes for persons with disabilities by:

- ◆ providing input on the state plan, policies and practices affecting services to persons with disabilities.
- ◆ identifying strategies to address the needs of people who are not being served or who are being underserved.
- ◆ obtaining and interpreting consumer input.
- ◆ identifying corrective action consistent with that input.
- ◆ advocating for adequate resources to ensure that the rehabilitation needs of all Missourians are met.

To support Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation in complying with applicable laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Workforce Investment Act, the Rehabilitation Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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